

ORDINANCE TO CORRECT SECTION 70-51 OF THE CITY CODE

Sec. 1. Section 70-51 of the City Code is revised to read:

Sec. 70-51. Rates for water service, sewer service, and water and sewer service.

(a) Charges.

- (1) Rate schedule - Inside and outside the city. The schedule of rates for water service only, water service only for irrigation/outdoor use, sewer service only, and water and sewer service, inside and outside the city, shall be as set by the city council, as set forth in the fee schedule of the city.
- (2) Fixed consumption charge for sewer only service. Fixed consumption charges for sewer only shall be as set by the city council.
- (3) Service charge. There shall be a service charge as set by the city council.

(b) Qualification for fixed rates. In order to qualify for fixed reduced rates, as established by subsection (a)(2), a property owner is required to execute an affidavit at service initiation, and prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. All affidavits must be notarized or executed/re-executed in the utility billing office. Changes in occupancy, including vacancy, also require an affidavit from the property owner to continue service. Discontinuance of sewer only service will result in a fee set by the city council to reestablish the service.

(c) User charge cost determination. The schedule of rates for water and sewer service shall be reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure that water and wastewater operations are self-sufficient, that each user pays an appropriate share of the system's cost, and that the city's governmental objectives, including the need to preserve scarce water resources, are met. The methodology for calculating the water and sewer rates shall include consideration of the following:

- (1) Identification of direct water and wastewater costs;
- (2) Projection of direct operations, maintenance, and capital outlay costs;
- (3) Identification of other direct costs, such as capital improvements and debt service;
- (4) Identification of costs that are attributable to both water and wastewater operations;
- (5) Identification of costs that are attributable to other city departments that provide assistance to water and wastewater operations;
- (6) Identification and projection of costs associated with specific water and wastewater services;
- (7) Identification of other revenues;
- (8) Allocation of costs to customer service and consumption charges.
- (9) Location inside or outside the city;
- (10) Water conservation objectives.

Sec. 2. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.